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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003 (Paper No. 4), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	6	- 20* =		X	
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.